GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCIDENTS OF ATTACK ON INDIANS WORKING IN AFGHANISTAN
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing incidents of attack on Indians working for the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Afghanistan have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the past one year;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and to ensure adequate safety and security to the Indians working in Afghanistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS(SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) During 2008,three ITPB personnel and two BRO personnel were killed in incidents in which militants targeted 'Project Zaranj' personnel. The project was completed in September 2008 and the entire work force of BRO including ITBP personnel have returned to India.

(b) Given in the statement enclosed.

(c) & (d) Our Embassy in Kabul maintains direct liaison with the Ministry of Interior of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on security-related issues concerning India.

(e) Not applicable.